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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Woodland – Police Arrest Man Suspected of Threatening Mass Violence at Muslim Mosque

(U) Officers arrested a man on suspicion of committing a hate crime after he reportedly made threats on social media to a Woodland area mosque. Members from the Woodland Muslim Mosque and Islamic Center reported that they had been threatened on social media. Investigators determined the threatening messages were from Abdul Rehman Khalid, 23, who said he was thinking about committing a mass shooting at the Woodland mosque, according to police. Khalid also said in Facebook messages that he was in possession of a gun and ammunition, and he threatened to kill everyone at the mosque. The suspect was arrested and charged with suspicion of making criminal threats and a hate crime.

SOURCE: 14 September 2021, [Sacramento Bee](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Border Patrol Agents Find Abandoned Babies on Banks of Rio Grande with Attached Note

(U) Eagle Pass – US Border Patrol agents recently found and rescued two abandoned babies near the banks of the Rio Grande River near Eagle Pass. Authorities first observed the children while conducting boat operations in the Rio Grande. Upon further investigation of the “unusual color” along the riverbank, they discovered two small children with an attached note stating “nationals of Honduras.” The children did not require medical attention and were turned over to the custody of the US Department of Health and Human Services. Over the past year, CBP has seen an increase in the number of unaccompanied minors crossing the US-Mexico border.

SOURCE: 15 September 2021, [Newsweek](#)

(U) Texas – Laredo Sector Border Patrol Agents Rescue Nearly 50 Individuals Locked inside a Trailer

(U) Laredo – Laredo Sector Border Patrol agents rescued almost 50 people who were found during an alleged human smuggling attempt locked inside a trailer. After referral of a tractor-trailer to a secondary inspection area, agents discovered the almost 50 individuals locked inside the trailer with the interior temperature over 90 degrees Fahrenheit. All individuals were in the US illegally and were from the countries of Mexico, Guatemala, and El Salvador. The individuals were processed and the driver was arrested.

SOURCE: 15 September 2021, [US CBP](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – US, UK, Australia to Share Nuclear Submarine Technology

(U) Washington – The United States, United Kingdom, and Australia announced an expansion in ties by forming a new joint-security agreement that includes providing Australia with nuclear-powered submarine technology. The “AUKUS” arrangement, for Australia, UK, US, will cover a range of security technologies and policies, including a “new architecture” of meetings and engagements among senior defense and foreign policy officials. A motivation for greater engagement in the Pacific is countering China, which officials in the US speak openly about as the greatest strategic threat for the future.

SOURCE: 15 September 2021, [Breaking Defense](#)

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(U) Pennsylvania – Law Enforcement Investigating Two Incidents of Threats against Catholic Churches

(U) Pittsburgh – Federal authorities are assisting Pittsburgh Police after threats were called in to two different churches over the weekend. On Sunday, 30 worshippers were escorted out of a Pittsburgh Catholic church in small groups with heavily armed police at their side after a man threatened to harm himself and other there. Police also responded to a church where congregants called 911 after observing a parishioner wearing a gun during the service. In response to these threats, Pittsburgh police is working directly with the FBI to investigate the source and determine any connection between the two incidents. SOURCE: 14 September 2021, [MSN](#)

(U) Texas – Colombian TCO Members Extradited to Texas for Narco-Terrorism and Drug Distribution

(U) Houston – Two alleged members of one of the most serious transnational criminal organizations make their initial appearances in US federal court on charges of narco-terrorism and distribution kilogram quantities of cocaine from Colombia. The members of the National Liberation Army are the first individuals extradited to the US in the nearly 60-year history of the organization. The Houston Divisions of the FBI and DEA conducted the investigation. SOURCE: 15 September 2021, [US DOJ](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) France – Special Forces Assassinate ISIS and Al-Qa'ida Leader in Military Ambush

(U) Delhi – President Macron of France announced that French military forces had killed the leader of the Islamic State in the Greater Sahara. The militant leader, Adnan Walid al-Sahraoui, oversaw a group that claimed responsibility for an attack in 2017 that killed four American soldiers who were on patrol with Nigerian forces. The attack was one of the deadliest recent attacks on American soldiers in Africa. The militant was a member of al-Qa'ida before pledging allegiance to the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) about five years ago. SOURCE: 15 September 2021, [New York Times](#)

(U) India – Six Men Plotting Terror Attacks Arrested

(U) Delhi – Indian police arrested six men alleged to be plotting terror attacks across major cities of the country. Authorities advised the attacks were being planned from Pakistan and meant to target congregations during the upcoming festive season. Two of the suspects arrested were believed to have gone to Pakistan via Oman where they received training in using explosives and firearms. The police recovered a cache of weapons and explosives. Indian authorities have long accused Pakistan of aiding and abetting terror activities within its borders. Pakistan has repeatedly rejected these allegations. SOURCE: 15 September 2021, [DW News](#)

(U) Nigeria – Boko Haram, ISWAP Leader Killed in Borno

(U) Borno – The leader of the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP), Abu Musab al-Barnawi, has been killed in Borno state. Al-Barnawi, the son of Boko Haram founder, Mohammed Yusuf, was trained by ISIS for years as he ascended to power. He controlled large swathes of territory in Northern Borno, where he carried out multiple attacks on military facilities and troops in the region. The militant's death is seen as a potential turning point in the war against terror even as security experts call for a sustained offensive towards the terror organization. SOURCE: 15 September 2021, [Sahara Reporters](#)

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